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In re Application of:	)	
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Katsumi SHIBAYAMA et al.	)	Confirmation No.: 2756
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Application No.: 10/715,118	)	Group Art Unit: 2814
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Filed: November 18, 2003	)	Examiner: Shrinivas H. Rao
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For: BACK ILLUMINATED	)	
PHOTODIODE ARRAY,	)	
MANUFACTURING METHOD AND)	)	
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE	)	
THEREOF	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
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**Customer Window, Mail Stop RCE**  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Concurrently filed herein with a Request for Continued Examination and prior to continued examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows. This filing is in further response to the Final Office Action dated March 9, 2007, the period for response to which has been extended through February 6, 2008, by the concurrently filed petition for extension of time and corresponding fee payment, and the previously filed Notice of Appeal, petition for extension of time and corresponding fee payment. It is understood that the Amendment filed on September 6, 2007 will be entered as requested in the concurrently filed RCE. Hence, this Preliminary Amendment further amends the present application taking into account those amendments made in the September 6, 2007 Amendment.